

Bridging Gaps and Building Futures

- Empowering students and beyond through strategic partnerships, inclusive outreach, and workforce development with **EmpowermentOne | RISEOne**
- Activate student potential and community growth through hands-on programs, partnerships, and workforce development with **EmpowermentOne | RISEOne**



RISEONE

Empowering Our Communities Through Excellence



Who We Are

Mission

Empowering underserved communities through education, training, and mentorship.

Vision

A future where every individual has the tools, confidence, and support to RISE above challenges.

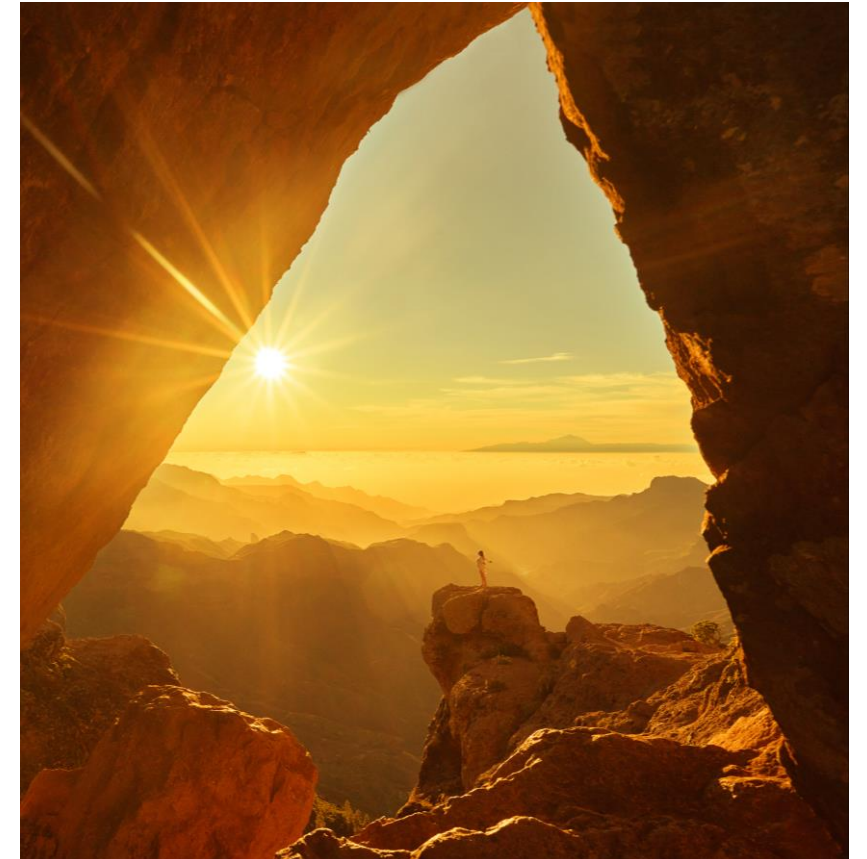
Our Approach

- Community-centered & culturally responsive
- Focused on workforce development & mentorship
- Built on collaboration and strong partnerships

Values

Empowerment • Inclusion • Diversity Service • Resilience • Growth

*Together, we build strength, foster opportunity, and **RISE** as **One***



Presenters

Saif Al Hakeem

President and CEO, RISEOne | EmpowermentOne

Transformational and visionary leader specializing in workforce innovation, public service delivery, and cross-sector collaboration. I bring over 7 years of experience leading CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work operations for the County of San Diego – East County. As an executive government leader, I am committed to building equitable systems that connect education, workforce, and community impact.

Mina Naoomy

Program Coordinator, RISEOne | EmpowermentOne

I oversee the Career Readiness program at EmpowermentOne | RISEOne, supporting individuals in building the skills, confidence, and connections needed for career success through training, mentorship, and coaching. I hold a B.S. in Psychology from SDSU and am pursuing a Master's in Higher Education. With 3 years of experience in banking and higher education at EOP-SDSU, PLNU, and EAOP-UCSD, I am passionate about empowering low-income, first-generation, and culturally diverse students to thrive in education and beyond.



Why We're Here

- Bridge service and cultural gaps **through strategic partnerships and tailored workforce programs that meet diverse community needs.**
- Strengthen inclusive outreach systems **through accessible, culturally responsive services like mentorship, public speaking, and digital literacy.**
- Empower classified professionals to drive transformational impact **through specialized training, coaching, and support designed for immediate real-world application.**



Bridging Cultures to Careers : A Transformative Framework

- Cultural Fluency: Integrate into all workforce efforts.
- Storytelling: Humanize services and engagement.
- Redefining Success: Focus beyond employment outcomes.

Vision: A forward-thinking **workforce and community support program** that empowers individuals, builds strong communities, and drives lasting success.



Strategic Pathways: Empowering Change through P.A.T.H. and C.A.S.E.

P.A.T.H.

- **Partner Strategically** | **Act** with Cultural Awareness
- **Train and Empower Staff** | **Honor** Student Journeys

C.A.S.E.

- **Connect Systems** | **Advance** Inclusive Outreach
- **Support Workforce Growth** | **Empower** Long-Term Impact



Strategy in Action

- **Strategic Partnerships:** Integrated services, shared data, co-located hubs
- **Inclusive Outreach:** Culturally responsive communication and peer engagement
- **Empowering Staff:** Leadership, wellness, and purpose-driven growth

Key Challenge: Overcoming barriers in cultural ideology, language, trust, and system fatigue

RISEOne Strategy: Culturally responsive communication and peer-to-peer engagement

Best Practices: Relationship-building outreach that shifts psychological patterns for lasting behavioral change



Leadership
Innovation
Development
Communication
Strategy
Efficiency
Teamwork
Branding

For Students: RISEOne Workforce Programs

Workforce-Focused. Community-Driven.

Non-credit, non-degree programs designed to build job readiness, professional skills, and economic mobility. *Operates independently from academic institutions.*

Key Offerings

- Career Readiness Workshops, Mentorship & Coaching
- Job Search & Employment Navigation
- Technical ESL for the Workplace
- Digital Literacy & AI
- Public Speaking & Communication Skills
- Workforce Bootcamps & Seminars
- Human-Connect Support Sessions – fostering belonging and addressing isolation and loneliness through guided peer support and community connection

Empowering communities through practical, accessible, and impactful workforce training.



Q&A and Collaboration Exchange

- Let's co-create solutions.
- Bring your questions, breakthroughs, and ideas.

Together, we build a stronger future for students and beyond—empowering talent and communities so we can **RISE** as **One**.

Dreams don't work unless you do – **EmpowermentOne** | **RISEOne**

Thank you

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